

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

1:00 P.M.

March 8, 2023

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 8th day of March, 2023 at 1:00P.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel and Ruppel, County Clerk Ruzicka, Deputy County Clerk Jones, Caleb Johnson, Levi Williams, Ed Sherbeck and Lonnie Owen. County Highway Superintendent Johnson and County Attorney White were present later in the afternoon. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the February 8th, 2023 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the March 8th, 2023 meeting was also affirmed by all members present. Chairman Larson referenced the Open Meeting Laws poster located in the meeting room and advised that handouts concerning said laws are available to the public.

Steckel moved to audit the claims. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

GENERAL FUND

Salaries		\$26,441.35
In lieu of Insurance		\$6,000.00
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$250.80
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$1,779.25
IRS	EMPE FICA	\$2,411.77
APPEARA	RUGS	\$98.12
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	COURT APPT ATTNY	\$521.80
BROWN COUNTY TREASURER	DISTRICT JUDGE SHARE	\$191.41
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	\$29.33
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$221.42
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$192.83
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK	\$115.56
DAVE LARSON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$60.96
DEB STARR	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$41.31
DUSTIN SPANEL	CASH PD OUT/UNIFORM	\$516.36
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$149.91
EZ IT	IT SERVICES	\$780.00
GLW	FEB & MARCH'23	\$3,553.36
HAMILTON	PHONE	\$442.24
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$37.82
JACK RUPPEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$50.48
JASON WHITE-OTHER/PHONE	PHONE	\$40.00
JESSICA RUZICKA	PHONE	\$25.00
KYLE SHEPARD	PHONE	\$25.00
LAURA KRAUS- EM MANAGER	EMG MANAGEMENT	\$75.00
LOUP COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	\$187.34
MARYJO JONES	PHONE	\$25.00
MICHAEL STARR	SNOW REMOVAL	\$50.00
MICROFILM	MICROFILM	\$52.00
MIDLAND TELECOM	SHERIFF PICKUP	\$2,071.62
MIPS	PROGRAMS	\$1,007.84
NEXTONER	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$480.70
NPZA	IND.MEMBERSHIP	\$15.00
NWCA	SPRING TRAIN23	\$150.00
REGION 2	'23 DUES	\$50.00

SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY PAY	\$500.00
STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$622.92
SUMMER STROHL	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
USPS	PO BOX RENT	\$376.00
VERIZON	PHONE	\$82.79
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	MARCH PAYMENT	\$49.08
ZANE YOUNG	MEMBERSHIP	\$146.99
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		51,028.36

AMBULANCE FUND

CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$130.06
DEARBON INS COMPANY	INSURANCE	\$30.96
HAMILTON	PHONE	\$102.56
LAURA KRAUS	SUPPLIES	\$97.45
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	SUPPLIES	\$112.39
MIDLAND TELECOM	SUPPLIES	\$656.45
VALLEY CO AMB SERVICE	INTERCEPT	\$150.00
AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL		\$ 1,279.87

ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$12,405.78
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$837.39
IRS	EMPE FICA	\$926.89
BURWELL INDEPENDENT OIL	FUEL	\$1,477.60
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$2,012.09
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$159.70
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
HOLIDAY INN KEARNEY	HOTEL	\$229.90
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$19.39
LEVI WILLIAMS	PHONE	\$40.00
LONGHORN ELECTRIC	SHOP	\$453.84
LONNIE OWEN	PHONE	\$40.00
MAINELLI & WAGNER	CO. ENG.	\$3,000.00
MAVERICK	PARTS/LABOR	\$108.00
NMC	PARTS/LABOR	\$746.71
ROAD FUND TOTAL		\$22,497.29

Steckel moved to allow the claims. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's tax collected reports.

Larson moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring monies from the General Fund to the Road and Special Road Funds. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 295.

Caleb Johnson of J13 Enterprises LLC met with the board to propose an agreement to continue providing budget services. The proposal included a \$300 increase over last year and did not include the one time build out fee we paid last year. Johnson spoke to the board about LB 644, what is coming in legislature, how funds work if a transfer needs to be made, consolidating unused funds and where to deposit the LATCF grant money and plans for Opioid Recovery funds. County Attorney Jason White spoke to Johnson about roadmen keeping timesheets. Johnson recommended calling Pam Bourne with NIRMA. Points made by County Attorney White about keeping accurate time records included but

not limited to; disgruntled employees, policies on sick and vacation time, overtime compensation and transparency to taxpayers.

Steckel moved to enter into the one-year agreement with J13 Enterprises for budget services, 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Commissioner Steckel notified the board and the other roadmen that her district will need some help covering road maintenance while Sherbeck is on leave.

Commissioner Larson brought to the board information to discuss on a pickup and trailer for the road department. Needed for transporting the skid steer, culverts etc. Information discussed included but not limited to; what size pickup needed, tilt deck vs ramps on trailer, gooseneck trailer, pickup with ball and tire size on trailer.

Commissioner Larson discussed with the board auto gates located on Gracie Creek Road, he stated 5 out of the 7 need to be repaired/replaced.

Continuing discussion from last month on the road Cody Jaymes met with the board over. There is no record of this in either Loup or Custer County being a road.

Discussed ensued over mowing and tree removal in the road ditches. Letters will be send out reminding residents of Nebraska Statute 39-1811, 39-1812 and 39-1813, a newspaper publication will also serve as a reminder.

Highway Superintendent Johnson presented proposed plans for the Porcupine bridge replacement and where the new bridge will be placed. Bids for the project should be coming in May, once a contractor is decided on it will be up to the contractor when to start the project.

Discussion ensued about a culvert on 823rd Road that possibly needs to be replaced. It would need to be able to handle the cleanout of the canal since this is where it is dumped. In the meantime, delineators need to be placed at the site.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

s/ David Larson, Chairman of the Loup
County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jessica Ruzicka
Loup County Clerk